

Amendment to the Claims

The following is a complete listing of the claims.

1. – 20. Cancelled

21. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer readable instructions recorded therein for being performed by a server and for providing a client browser with information regarding a plurality of affiliations, the browser operated by a user for accurately collecting time billable to ~~the~~ an affiliation of the plurality of affiliations, the medium comprising:

a. instructions for presenting to the user via the browser a first text box, a first icon, and a view region ~~for displaying a plurality of rows~~;

b. instructions for receiving from the user via the browser an operation of the text box that specifies a name of the affiliation;

c. instructions for obtaining first results of a first query of a database in response to receiving from the user via the browser an operation of the first icon, a first limit of the first query being in accordance with the name of the affiliation;

d. instructions for presenting to the user via the browser in the view region a first plurality of rows in accordance with the first results, each row presenting a respective portion of the first results and presenting a respective second icon having functionality in accordance with the respective portion of the first results;

e. instructions for obtaining second results of a second query of the database in response to receiving from the user via the browser an operation of the respective second icon of a first row of the first plurality of rows, a plurality of limits of the second query being in accordance with the name of the affiliation and with the respective portion of the first results presented in the first row;

f. instructions for ~~appending to the presentation~~ presenting in the view region a second plurality of rows in accordance with the second results, each row of the second plurality presenting a respective portion of the second results and presenting a respective third icon; and

g. instructions for beginning an accounting of time spent by the user in association with the respective portion of the second results presented in a second row of the second plurality of

rows in response to receiving from the user via the browser an operation of the respective third icon of the second row of the second plurality of ~~rows~~ rows; wherein

h. the database provides access by query to a plurality of email messages for the user and respective information for each affiliation; and

i. each respective information is capable of including a plurality of person records, a plurality of appointment records, a plurality of projects referring to a plurality of task records, and a plurality of account records adjusted in accordance with the accounting of time.

22. (New) A method performed by an apparatus, the method comprising:

a. storing a model of affiliations of human society and of human commitments, the model includes a database that comprises affiliation records, person records, and item records, wherein:

(1) the affiliation records include a first affiliation record and a second affiliation record;

(2) the person records include a first subset of person records and a second subset of person records;

(3) the item records include a third subset of item records and a fourth subset of item records;

(4) relations between the person records and affiliation records and between the item records and the affiliation records include:

(a) a relation between the first affiliation record and the first subset;

(b) a relation between the first affiliation record and the third subset;

(c) a relation between the second affiliation record and the second subset;

and

(d) a relation between the second affiliation record and the fourth subset;

and

(5) relations between person records and item records model an invitation or commitment to a meeting or indicate a delegation or assignment to a task, the meeting or task involving one or more users who each correspond to the respective person records;

b. for each relationship of a particular item record and a particular person record, determining whether or not a respective presentation of content associated with the particular item record has been made to a user that corresponds to the particular person record, and

adjusting a status of the relationship as read or unread as to the particular item record and the particular person record;

c. preparing a first message directing display of a presentation, the message to send to a first user, the display being accomplished via a browser operated by the first user, the first user corresponding to a first person record, the first person record being a member of the first subset and of the second subset, wherein the presentation comprises:

(1) a notice of item records of the third subset and/or the fourth subset that have a status of unread as related with the first person record;

(2) a plurality of listings, each listing identifying a particular item record that was basis for the notice; and

(3) a respective control with each listing that when operated by the first user initiates a query that facilitates review by the first user of the unread content associated with the item record identified by the listing and initiates adjustment of the status of the relationship as read as to the item record identified by the listing and the first person record; and

d. causing the presentation to be sent.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein:

a. the notice comprises a first plurality of icons; and

b. each icon of the first plurality of icons identifies a respective type of associated content.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein:

a. each respective control comprises a second plurality of icons; and

b. each icon of the second plurality of icons is a respective control when operated by the first user initiates a query of a respective type of associated content.

25. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein each icon of the first plurality of icons is a respective control that when operated by the first user initiates a query for the plurality of listings.

26. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the content comprises a document that is associated with the item record.

27. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the content comprises a person record that is associated with the item record.

28. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the content comprises an email message that is associated with the item record.

29. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the content comprises a note that is associated with the item record.